

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5218

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 14, 1997

Application of MEDIQUICK SERVICES,)
INC., for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-97-46

Applicant seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver. The application is unopposed.

The Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7(a), authorizes the Commission to issue a certificate of authority if it finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains per capita rates for transportation to and from National and Dulles Airports, as well as other specified places in the Metropolitan District.

As noted in Order No. 5185, served August 21, 1997, applicant originally proposed using a trade name of "Medquick Courier Services and Medical Transportation." Because the Commission does not regulate courier services and does not permit WMATC carriers to hold themselves out as offering life support services, and given the prominence of airport shuttle fares in, and omission of nonambulatory fares from, applicant's proposed tariff, applicant was directed to file a written statement explaining why the public would not be likely to find the proposed trade name confusing and/or misleading. Applicant's response states that applicant now proposes using a trade name of "H & G Courtesy Transportation Services."

Applicant filed a balance sheet as of August 4, 1997, showing assets and equity of \$70,000, each. Applicant's projected operating statement for the first twelve months of WMATC operations shows WMATC operating income of \$90,000; other operating income of \$20,000; expenses of \$79,000; and net income of \$31,000.

Applicant certifies it has access to, is familiar with, and will comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations thereunder.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

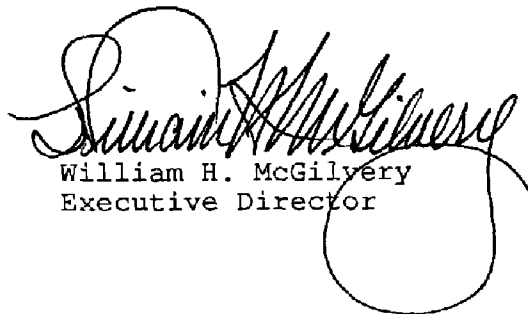
1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 413 shall be issued to Mediquick Services, Inc., trading as H & G Courtesy Transportation Services, 4041 Powder Mill Road, Suite 300, Calverton, MD 20705.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until a certificate of authority has been issued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents within thirty days: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) an equipment list stating the year, make, model, serial number, vehicle number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) evidence of ownership or a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61.

4. That the grant of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of issuance prescribed herein.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS ALEXANDER, LIGON, AND MILLER:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director